Newport Philatelic Society

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Introduction:

Dear members, we have got to number eleven of the newsletter! As mentioned previously I have put all previous issues on our website.

https://newportgwentphilatelic.weebly.com/

In this edition we start with a very attractive 8 page display on the Summer Isles from our chairman Roy and finish with a short note about our postponed AGM and the officers of the society. In the next issue I will putting different links to different interesting philatelic articles and resources that are available on the internet. Therefore, if anyone has any favourite sources or internet contributions and/or websites that you find useful please send details of them through to me (les.ashtonsmith@gmail.com) and I will include as many as possible in the next edition. If anyone has completed their single page challenge on a philatelic inspired location then please send it to me as there is always room for new content.

The Summer Isles:

SUMMER ISLES

1st July 1999.

Post Office & Shop Writing Postcards Home.

First day of Issue New Scottish Parliment 1st July 1999

SUMMER ISLES

CROFTERS CENTENARY

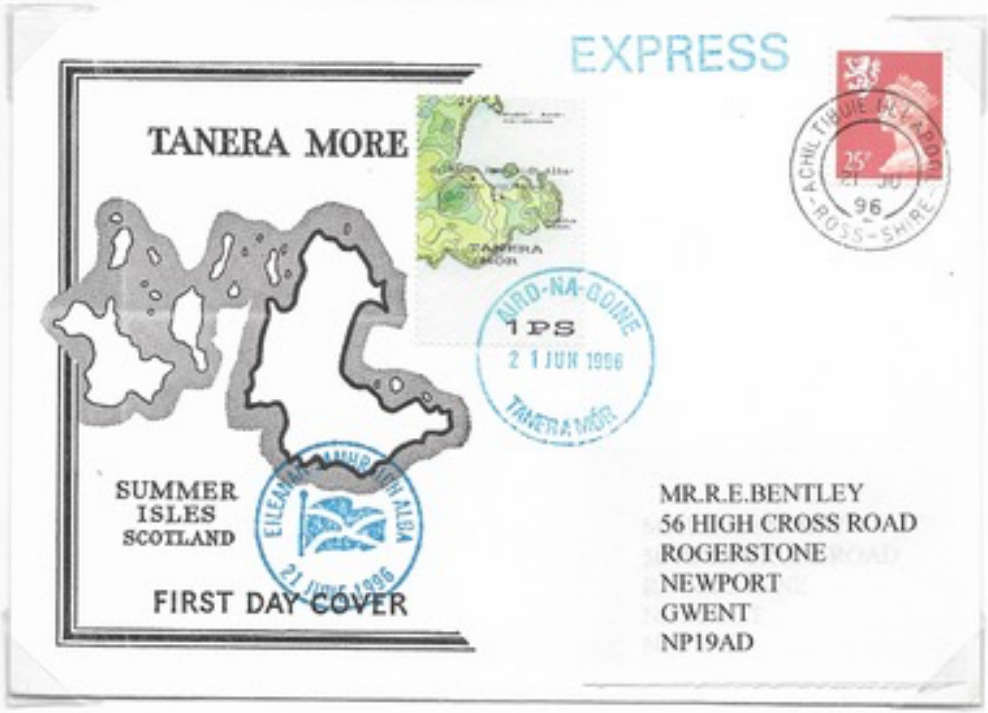
This set of stamps was issued in recognition of the Crofters Act in 1886 which gave crofters security of tenure of their land. Issued 25th of June 1986 and printed by the House Of Questa.

This card shows some of the Crofters houses in the distance and in the foreground some Highland cattle that are breed by the Crofters for their meat and skins.

SUMMER ISLES

MAP OF THE ISLANDS - THIRD DEFINITIVE ISSUE

Issued 21st June 1996 and designed by John Coleman and printed by
The House Of Questa.



This First Day Cover shows the map of the islands and the Tanera Mor cancellation on the 1 PS value. The 1 PS is the first high value stamp to be issued on Summer Isles. The PS refers to pounds sterling or Punnd Sassenach in Gaelic,

SUMMER ISLES

THE SALMON

Issued 5th July 1985, printed by House Of Questa and designed by Brian Hargreaves. This issue shows some of the modern fish farm practices that can be seen on the islands. The fish are hatched in the islands own hatchery in Loch Kemp and then air lifted in the spring to a deep water pens in Tanera More. The fish are kept for about two years by this time their weight will have increased to about 15lbs. A salmon can weigh up to 40lbs after 4 years at sea.

Fish Pens on Tanera More.

SUMMER ISLES

75th ANNIVERSARY SCOTTISH SCOUTING

This set of stamps shows the development of the uniform from 1908 to the present day. The stamps were designed by Jane Hassall and printed on special security paper by Format International Ltd. Issued 1 May 1982

Size: 31.75 x 40.6mm Sheet Format: 5 Se-tenant.

MARITIME BRITAIN

To commemorate maritime year the summer Isles Post Office chose to use this occasion to support the "Mary Rose Project" by issuing four stamps that best illustrate Britains former navel supremacy. From the proceeds of the sale of the stamps 10% was donated to the Mary Rose Trust.
Issued 10 October 1982 and printed by Format International,
Design was by Alan Schmidt.

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WILD BIRDS SECOND DEFINITIVE ISSUE.

Arctic Turn

Red Breasted Merganser

Gannet

Barnacle Geese

Heron

Golden Eagle

Aerial View Of The Summer Isles

SUMMER ISLES

SILVER JUBILEE OF THE CORONATION

This issue commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen and depicted four aspects of Scottish heraldry. The stamps were printed by Moore and Mathes Ltd, the designs were by the former director of the British Post Office Stuart Rose CBE.

Remains of Old Fish Curing Station at Tigh An Quay, Tanera Mhor, The Summer Isle. Built in 1783 by Roderick Morison of Stornoway and John Mackenzie of London. In 1795 over 550 barrels of Herrings were exported.

SUMMER ISLES

The Summer Isles lies in the North-West Highlands of Scotland. The Post Office is situated on the only permanently inhabited island- Tanera Mor. The Post Office shares a building with a shop and a restaurant on the shore at Aird-na-Goine, there are nine other houses on the island with about twenty inhabitants.

The postal service started on 1 September 1970 by the then owner Kenneth Frampton. With the backing of the Royal Mail he agreed to carry stamped and cancelled mail three times a week to the mainland and pick up and distribute mail from the mainland. Following the death of Kenneth Frampton the mail service was suspended between 1989 and 1991. The island and post office was acquired in 1993 by Ronnie Brown and his wife Mairi who continue to improve housing, paths and the postal service on the islands.

FISH ON MAP (First Definitive Issue 1 September 1970)

Printed by Alden and Mowbrey in sheets of 25 (5x5) design was by Gordon Drummonds.

AGM: Postponment and Election of Officer:

As you all know we were to have our AGM on the 27th of May. In the light of the current situation we cannot hold this important meeting and, therefore, the following decisions have been made:

All of the current officers have agreed to stay in their respective posts until the AGM can be arranged. This will provide continuity for the society until there is an opportunity to safely reconvene and consider any future applications for the posts and to decide on any proposed changes to the society. Any members who would like to be considered for a society post should please make this wish known to the secretary so that it can be included in the agenda for the next general meeting. The current list of officers is as follows:

Chairman and Publicity Officer: Roy Bentley
Vice Chairman and Web Master: Les Ashton-Smith
Secretary: Bev Davies
Treasurer: Margaret Harding
Committee Members: Martyn Britton and Robert Agg

The programme for next year is in an advanced stage of planning and will be released as soon as possible.

The finances of the society are in the capable hands of our treasurer and I will include the financial statement for the year for examination and questions in the next edition of the newsletter.

Final Notes:

Do not forget to reach out and make contact with a fellow society member. The lockdown is slowly easing and hopefully we will back to “normal” society meeting soon. Any mistakes and errors are all down to me, so as before, my genuine apologies for every one of them!

If anyone is receiving the newsletter in error or no longer wishes to receive it please let me know and I will remove you from the circulation list.

Keep safe and well everybody.

Les Ashton-Smith